



# Record

## Tech 5 Edward Parker Harris

Paul Carter

Tech 5 Edward Parker Harris, son of Benjamin Franklin Harris and Lena Binns Harris, was born on 24 August 1921, in the Green Springs area of Louisa County. There were eight children in the family. He attended school through the sixth grade and worked as a spinner at the American Silk Mill before entering the military. He was inducted in the Army in Orange on 3 July 1942.

Harris had his basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia, and did further training at Camp Swift, Texas, and Camp Blanding, Florida. He was deployed overseas in October 1943 – first to England, then to France, and finally to Belgium as a member of the 279<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Refrigeration Company. He was killed in a truck accident in Belgium on 8 January 1945.

The 279<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Refrigeration Company was part of the 471<sup>st</sup> Quartermaster Group, which served to supply the troops immediately as they arrived in France as part of the D-Day operations. Supplies requiring refrigeration were loaded directly from reefer (refrigerated railroad) cars to the trucks and delivered to their destination. When the amount of perishables, such as meat and butter, exceeded the refrigerator truck numbers, regular trucks would be used and sped to the intended destination.<sup>1</sup>

Harris' skills gained the respect of his fellow soldiers. Captain Uriah Hunter of the 471<sup>st</sup> Quartermaster Group wrote to Mrs. Harris from Belgium, "The men of the company asked that I especially remember them to you in my expression of sympathy over the passing of their soldier comrade."

From his office in New York, Milton Rubin, owner of the American Silk Mill, wrote a letter to the family, "There is very little one can say except that every man, woman and child in our country is indebted to him for the sacrifice he has made in their behalf. This thought, I hope will sustain you in your grief."

He was buried in a temporary grave in Belgium and his remains were returned to the United States and interred in Culpeper National Cemetery on 10 December 1947.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER 614	1. NAME (Print) Edward Parker Harris	ORDER NUMBER T 10,040
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) Madison Run Orange Virginia		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same		
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS 20	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Louisa Co. Virginia
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. B. F. Harris, Madison Run, Va.		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS American Silk Mill, Orange, Va.		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Orange, Orange, Va.		

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 1-1-42) ☆ GPO 16-21630-1 Edward Harris (Registrar's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5'7"	145	Sallow
Negro	EYES	HAIR	Light <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy
	Gray <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dark
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled
	Brown	Black	Light brown
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown
		Bald	Black
Philipino			

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar for Local Board: Louise H. Pomeroy (Signature of registrar)  
1 Orange, Va. (Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration: 27 June 1942 33

Orange County 150  
FEB 16 1942 001  
P. O. Box 509  
Orange, C. H. Virginia  
STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

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Edward Parker Harris WWII draft registration card. The National Archives in St. Louis, Missouri; St. Louis, Missouri; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 321. Accessed via Ancestry.com. U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947 [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011.

<sup>1</sup> <http://tothosewhoserved.org/usa/ts/usatsq04/chapter14.html>, pp 458-459. Accessed 24 April 2019.

## In Case You Missed It

Lynne G. Lewis

We finished our 2018 programs November 26 with the commemoration of a very important anniversary – the Armistice that ended World War I on November 11, 1918. There was a wide array of artifacts, documents, and graphics illustrating Orange County's involvement during the war. Bill Speiden, who has a remarkable collection of his father's World War I papers, recounted several anecdotes, and the effects of the war on the people of Orange County were discussed. Sid Sidelko, a member of the Orange Veterans of Foreign Wars, provided information on deceased World War I veterans from Orange County. A nearly complete WWI uniform was shown, as was a hand-tinted photograph of a sailor.

On Sunday, January 20, we held the Annual Meeting at our Research Center in Orange. Following a short business meeting and the election or reelection of board members (see page 3 for the full annual report), we watched Phil Audibert's newest documentary, *Germania... America in Embryo*. Many of us know the basic story of Germania: in 1714, under the direction of Lt. Governor Alexander Spotswood, 12 German families established a settlement on the Rapidan River in present day Orange County, Virginia; at the time it was the westernmost permanent settlement in the Virginia colony and understood to be the westernmost inland settlement in all of British America. The new documentary explores the many important stories surrounding the original Germania settlement. It clearly demonstrates that from Alexander Spotswood to the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe, from the beginnings of the iron industry to the Enchanted Castle, from the ongoing archaeological excavation to today's millions of descendants, Germania was truly America in embryo.

On a lovely Saturday, March 16, President Lynne Lewis, representing the Orange County Historical Society, and April Taylor, representing the Orange County African-American Historical Society, presented a wreath at the Commemoration of James Madison's 268<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The ceremony, complete with a wreath presented by the United States Marines on behalf of the sitting U. S. President, music provided by a portion of the Marine Band, and an inspiring address by a dignitary, was well worth seeing.

*Oral History in Louisa County*, presented by Karleen Kovalcik, Executive Director of the Louisa County Historical Society, was the subject of our Monday, March 25, program. In 2018 the Louisa County Historical Society undertook an oral history project aimed at recording the story of that county in the 1950s through the memories of their residents. Using a combination of grants and donations, the Society has successfully completed over 20 hour-plus interviews with a cross-section of county residents.



Joseph Donohue in a WWI sailor's uniform.  
Courtesy of Lynne G. Lewis.

Ms. Kovalcik discussed the details of the project, as well as the protocols and pitfalls of conducting oral history. She provided pointers and suggestions for those who wish to pursue such projects, either within their own family or through an organization. A lively question and answer session followed her presentation. In April, two of our Historical Society board members attended a workshop on conducting oral history sponsored by the Louisa County Historical Society.

A goodly crowd turned out for Frank Walker's presentation of *Gold Mining in the Virginia Wilderness* on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Until the rich gold fields in California were developed, America's gold came from the Volcanic-Plutonic Belt running through its South Atlantic states. Virginia was a top producer, with commercial production lasting from about 1827 to

1937. The richest area in Virginia was the Wilderness, a roughly 70-square-mile region existing primarily in eastern Orange and western Spotsylvania counties. It was a Temperate Zone jungle, created when its forests were clear-cut to provide fuel for iron production in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The program provided highlights of some of the major mines and of the people who "mined" the investors as well as the ground — producing both gold and the stories of a fascinating era in Virginia's history.

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## The Orange County Historical Society 2018 Annual Report

The 2019 annual meeting of the Orange County Historical Society was held at the Research Center (130 Caroline Street, Orange, VA 22960) on Sunday, January 20.

A brief business meeting was held, with the various reports below presented to the attending members.

### Nominating Committee (Lynne Lewis)

The slate of nominees was presented by Lynne Lewis, as follows:

Richard Durphy, for a three-year term

Mike Saxton, for a three-year term

Hilarie Hicks, for 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term

Lynne Lewis, for 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term

Nominations from the floor were called for, and there being none, Frank Walker moved, and it was seconded that nominations be closed and that the slate as presented be elected by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the business meeting, the latest production by Phil Audibert, titled *Germana...America in Embryo*, was presented and very much enjoyed by all present.

### From the President (Lynne Lewis)

Compared to 2017, this past year was a quiet, but interesting and productive, one. While putting together the postcard talk for our November 2017 program, we realized that memories of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and from the first third of that century in particular, are either gone or rapidly fading. It's not just that 10-year-olds don't know a typewriter when they see one in an antique store, but that we have forgotten what Orange County looked like, and have only sketchy memories of the events that had an impact, both locally – witness the 'great fires' in Orange and Gordonsville in 1908 and 1916 respectively – and nationally, with America's entrance into World War I and the outbreak of the influenza pandemic.

In the coming year we will have more eclectic offerings, but we also won't forget that what, to many of us, seems like "just yesterday" is also worthy of notice, documentation, and preservation.

Our membership remains at almost 400 and our visitors, while hailing mainly from Virginia, also come from around the country – from California to New Hampshire! These members and visitors are ably served by our dedicated staff: Jean McGann, Jayne Blair and Ruth Mallory Long. Those are the voices you hear when you call and those are the smiling faces people see when they come in the door. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication.

We continue to be blessed with a dedicated and hardworking Board of Directors. This year in addition to the usual tasks, we had a presence at the annual Germana reunion conference held at the Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper. We sold books and DVDs, and Phil Audibert debuted his new work on Germana. We again hosted the annual 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Poster Day in cooperation with the Orange County public school system. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders created poster displays inspired by any aspect of Orange County history, sometimes expanding to include Virginia history. In the year this program started, all four elementary schools displayed

their posters in our auditorium. Today, there are so many entries that each school displays at a separate venue – the Historical Society hosts Orange Elementary School.

After much consideration, we have decided to begin migrating our traditional postcard meeting notices to email notifications. This will not happen immediately, and we are aware that there are those who do not or cannot receive email, and we will work with them to reach an accommodation. This is not just a modernization effort though, it is also a cost-saving measure. We estimate that we will be able to save up to \$2,000 a year by using email notices. This will also enable more rapid and thorough coverage when plans need to change, such as cancelled or relocated outdoor events.

Today marks the beginning of the Historical Society's 53<sup>rd</sup> year of operation, and we continue to make strides in updating and greening our Research Center. With the help of our generous members, we will be replacing the ceiling in the main room and the auditorium, and converting the fixtures to LED lights and burying the computer cabling while doing the ceiling. We also plan to improve the visitors' first impression by replacing the elderly front desk, which has served us well, but has now outlived its usefulness. We are again honored that so many people entrust us with their collections, enabling access to ever increasing areas of our history. Thank you so very much.

### Treasurer's Report (Linda Carlton)

The Orange County Historical Society sustains itself through the generosity of its members and the Orange community. Our income is derived primarily from our annual fund drive, membership dues, and investment income. We have been fortunate in the last few years to receive two much-appreciated small grants from the Town of Orange and the County. Finally, we generate some income from the sale of our publications.

In 2018 our Annual Fund Drive donations came in at \$12,546, while membership dues totaled \$8,957.50. This will allow us to pay for interior renovations to the Research Center, including ceiling repair, upgraded lighting, much needed shelving, and a new front counter to make a more gracious impression on visitors and members and to better display our books and DVDs.

Our normal operating income and our expenses, \$48,346.22 and \$42,662.47 respectively, allowed us to show a net income of \$5,683.75 for the year. More importantly, we are starting the new year with checking and savings of over \$10,224.42. Total other current assets amount to over \$320,223.29.

We are in a good financial position to continue to perform our mission to promote, preserve and disseminate the richness of our history to our community and our visitors. None of this would be possible without the magnanimity of our members, not only in 2018, but also in years past. We can continue to meet our goals and complete our mission without diminishing our endowment, which earns us vital financial support now and in the years to come.

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### Committee Reports

#### Building and Grounds Committee (Paul Carter)

Thank goodness, 2018 was uneventful in terms of major problems at the Society. The new alarm system had some minor problems, but the servicing of those was prompt and responsive. The HVAC system installed last year has kept the building comfortable without any headaches – a very welcome addition.

Numerous spotlight, fluorescent, and exit light bulbs have been replaced just to keep up with the age of the building. We were very fortunate to have Glenn Walters, our roofer and supporter, repair a minor roof leak and John Tranver Graham to assist in the repair and replacement of the ceiling in the Hospitality Room. We have had very reliable people to mow the grass and do snow removal. The unusually rainy weather caused our front door to swell and stick. A belt sander and some ingenuity got the door back to swinging with ease.

These were just minor interruptions. We hope with the generosity of our members, we will be able to continue to update and modernize our building in the coming year.

#### Collections Committee (Hilarie Hicks)

Several interesting documents were accepted into the Historical Society's collections in 2018. Ross and Carol Hunter donated a presentation copy of the Orange County seal as designed by the late Jean Love, who taught art at Orange County High School and at Grymes Memorial School. The seal was designed during the Bicentennial, since the early seal of Orange County does not survive. Ms. Love also designed the modern Town of Gordonsville seal.

Jack Frazer donated a group of objects related to the Lahore/Pamunkey neighborhood: a schoolhouse-style clock from the Lahore Store and Post Office, a photo of the store with the clock prominently displayed, an envelope postmarked on the final day of operation of the Lahore Post Office, and the 1903-1913 business ledger of "Trav" Daniels of Thornhill.

Finally, in March we received a very special gift from His Excellency, Henne Schuwer, Ambassador of The Kingdom of the Netherlands. Ambassador Schuwer, with permission from the Library of Congress, had three exact copies (including the use of sheepskin) made of an 18<sup>th</sup>-century letter that authenticates that Orange County was named to honor the union of the Royal Family of Great Britain with the House of Orange, the royal family of the Netherlands. Ambassador Schuwer presented one of the three copies, framed for display, to the Historical Society.

#### Education/Outreach Committee (Phil Audibert)

Despite a change in the school administration, the Orange County Historical Society Education/Outreach Committee made progress during 2018. Although it was unable to conduct a teacher in-service program this year, committee members Phil Audibert and Linda Carlton had a successful meeting with the new Superintendent, Cecil Snead. The committee is optimistic

that it can conduct the in-service program at the beginning of the next school year. An Advanced Placement field trip series is also being considered.

In other news, Education/Outreach Committee Chairman Phil Audibert conducted two Orange County Heritage bus tours, one to Germanna and one to Gordonsville and Montpelier, for residents of Dogwood Village. With the help of Ashley Gore, Activities Director, he is also conducting oral history interviews with some residents of Dogwood Village and editing those video interviews down to 20-25 minute segments.

#### Program Committee (Ann Miller)

In 2018, the Historical Society sponsored seven presentations in our auditorium and two picnics. We decided to dedicate our programs to 20<sup>th</sup>-century topics, with the dawning realization that almost two decades into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, memories from last century are rapidly fading.

We took a look at Reynolds Automotive, established in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the Mason Insurance Agency, which was founded in 1891 as Shackelford, Warren and Mason Insurance. We also learned about Boy Scout Troop #1 (now #14) in Orange and saw a video celebrating 100 years (in 2016) of the Gordonsville Volunteer Fire Department. In an inadvertent theme, the fall saw us commemorating the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Fire in Orange. November was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice marking the end of World War I. Several people spoke on various aspects of the war and how it affected the County and its people, and there was an extensive display of memorabilia, ranging from pictures and papers to a virtually complete Army uniform.



Gaston Hall viewed from the southeast across the reflecting pool. Photo courtesy of Bridget Bryant.

Our picnics took us to Gaston Hall in Somerset, where the Brooks family graciously hosted us at their beautifully restored 1900s home and grounds. Unfortunately, the July picnic had to be cancelled due to rain. We ventured outside the county to Culpeper County for the August picnic at the former George Washington Carver High School. Held jointly with the Orange County

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African-American Historical Society, the picnic was well-attended as we learned about the history of that regional, segregated, high school and the plans for a museum celebrating its history.

### Publications Committee (Lynne Lewis)

During 2018 the Historical Society published two issues (Vol. 49, No. 1 & 2) of our newsletter, *Record*, and began consideration and prioritization of several publications that need to be reprinted. We distributed copies of *The Nine Lives of an Orange Tabby*, also fondly known as *Purr*, to all Orange County 4<sup>th</sup> graders. This marks the 12<sup>th</sup> year that *Purr* had been given out, free of charge.

The Orange County Historical Society, Inc. is a research, archival, and educational organization dedicated to the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of the history of Orange County, Virginia, of its people, and the surrounding area.

### Special Projects

#### Madison-Barbour Rural Historic District Highway Markers

On May 19, 2018, the two highway markers for the Madison-Barbour Rural Historic District were dedicated. Originally slated to be held at the Montpelier train station, where one of the two markers is located, rain necessitated a move to the Research Center. There a nice crowd heard remarks from various dignitaries including Lena McDonald, representing the Virginia Department of Historic Resources; R. Mark Johnson, Supervisor for District I of Orange County; Kat Imhoff, President and CEO of the Montpelier Foundation; and Bill Speiden, Historical Society board member and the originator and overseer of the marker project. Ross Hunter kindly videoed the event, and the video can now be found on YouTube.

### Scanning

The scanning project has taken on a new life as we have agreed, in cooperation with the Woman's Club of Orange, to scan their archives. The Club will retain the original documents as well as the digital copies and the Historical Society will also have the digital copies for members and visitors to use. The Woman's Club was established in 1915, and their records are a treasure trove of information about the Town of Orange and the County.

### Joint African American Land Ownership Research Committee

Bill Speiden proposed and implemented a joint project with the Orange County African-American Historical Society, forming a committee that, after much discussion, narrowed its focus to three aspects:

1. Contact those who have done similar studies to minimize duplication of efforts.
2. Trace a few black families' land ownership in Orange County as far back as we can – hopefully to before the Civil War.

- a. Solicit suggestions from both OCAAHS and OCHS members
  - b. Search land ownership files for land ownership lineage and record findings
  - c. Organize and write up findings for historical society archives
  - d. Develop a presentation for a joint historical societies meeting
3. Identify elderly black citizens for possible oral history recordings
    - a. Conduct/record said oral history as time and resources permit

Two families have been interviewed, deed examinations have begun at the Clerk's Office, and a number of photographs have been taken of new and old sites, in various states of repair, in District I.

### Statistics

- ♦ We have 398 members.
- ♦ We hosted 906 visitors. The majority came from Virginia, with 24 other states represented – in other words, half the United States came. Three states tied for second – Maryland, California, and Colorado
- ♦ Book sales for the year were brisk, totaling \$4,671.92.
- ♦ Our staff fielded 386 phone calls, answered 229 mail queries and numerous e-mail requests, while volunteers devoted hundreds of hours to various projects.

## We Need Your Email Address!

As most of you know, the Historical Society plans to begin emailing notices of programs and events sometime this year. Thanks to Board member Linda Carlton, all the email addresses have been entered in a format that will allow us to send an 'email blast' via Yahoo!

This will allow us to save a substantial sum of money, and all members with email will now receive notices. Currently, we only send postcards to members in Virginia and immediately adjacent zip codes.

As you may have noticed a trial run is underway for the program that will take place on Monday, June 3, but rest assured, we still will be sending the postcard notices as well. This will allow us to see how the system works and to find incorrect addresses.

Please remember, the notice will come from a Yahoo! address – you might find it in your spam folder the first time until you add the contact to your list.

We assure you, you will not receive endless emails. Our intent is to use the system for program and special event notifications and cancellations and changes to same. Postings will continue on the web site, as appropriate, and if you do not use email, please contact our office (540-672-5366) and we will make alternate arrangements.

## Rediscovering Little Petersburg

Historical Society members Bruce Monroe, David Sides, and Doug Myrick are conducting research on Little Petersburg, an identified Freedmen Settlement established in Orange County after the Civil War. Little Petersburg is located just west of U.S. Route 15, along Little Skyline Drive (Route 674), as one approaches the Rapidan River crossing.

Their work is building upon the excellent earlier work completed by the late Carolyn French and Carolyn Scott in 1999. The purpose of the project is to document the life experiences and contributions of those who live or previously have lived in Little Petersburg. The methods that they are incorporating into their research include videotaping oral histories, reviewing recorded land deeds, and acquiring donated or scanned copies of old photographs and other documents.

In addition, the approximate age of Fisherman's Lodge (site of the former social hall and schoolhouse) will be assessed by an architectural historian. They will also record the history of Bethel Baptist Church, built circa 1898, which continues to serve the community.

Any additional photographs that depict life in Little Petersburg, as well as any information regarding land deeds and grants that confirm the date of legal land transfer to African Americans, would be welcomed by Messrs. Monroe, Sides, and Myrick.

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Fisherman's Lodge (above) and Bethel Baptist Church (below) are important structures in the history of Little Petersburg. Photos courtesy of Bruce Monroe.

## Information on Orange County "Kit Houses" Wanted!

Local researcher Barbara Wimble is gathering information on 19<sup>th</sup>- and early-20<sup>th</sup>-century "kit houses" in Orange County. These are houses such as those sold by George Barber, The Cooperative Building Plan Association/Shop-pell; Sears; Montgomery Ward; and other firms—houses that were shipped to Orange as plans and components and then were assembled on site. Ms. Wimble is cooperating with the Society to document such structures in Orange County. If you have (or know about) a kit house (especially if you know the manufacturer, year, model, etc.), please let the Society know. This information will be recorded and eventually added to a database.



The 1936-1938 Sears & Roebuck kit house, Model "Lynnhaven," can be found around Orange County at least three times! This is one example. Photo courtesy of Barbara Wimble.

## 2018 Annual Fund Donors

The Orange County Historical Society is deeply grateful for the support shown by our community. Whether a long-time supporter or a newcomer to our Society, we appreciate your contributions—they help us to carry out our mission in a meaningful way. Indeed, if you look up when next you enter the Research Center, you will see our new “green” LED overhead lights, installed in April, thanks to your generosity!

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## Joint Research Projects

*Bill Speiden*

The Orange County African-American Historical Society and the Orange County Historical Society joint committee on black history in Orange County has embarked on a study of black land ownership. Maher Washington and Bill Speiden are currently searching for records tying Maher's family to George W. Barbour and Hampstead Farm in Somerset. Mr. Barbour willed 27 acres to his house help in 1936 as a transfer of land from owner to favored employee, a long time tradition dating back to pre-Civil War times. So far, other nearby black land ownership is proving to be a difficult slog through County records, leading to numerous dead ends, but it is on-going. Meanwhile, the joint committee would welcome any information leading to family history and deeds.

Recorded oral histories will be valuable assets, testifying to the legacy of black family history and land ownership. Phil Audibert and Bill Speiden, with the help of Maher Washington, are actively pursuing this in conjunction with the search for documents.

In the course of our research, another facet of historical interest has emerged. It seems that the Orange County Geographical Information System (GIS) maps show many black and white cemeteries, but some known cemeteries are not shown. If anyone is interested in pursuing unrecorded cemetery sites for their recognition and hopefully inclusion on the GIS maps, they are welcome and encouraged to join the research committee for that purpose. If someone prefers to research on their own, that is fine, but the respective historical societies would appreciate being advised of individual research projects. This will help us avoid duplication of efforts—and maybe encourage partnerships.

## Please Join Us!

We invite you to join the Orange County Historical Society. Please provide your name and contact information as you wish it to appear in our records and select the appropriate dues level. Mail the completed form, along with your dues payment to The Orange County Historical Society (OCHS), to 130 Caroline Street, Orange, VA 22960.

The Orange County Historical Society is a non-profit organization. Your membership fees are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(If business/organization member, name of business or organization)

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Status:**  New  Renewal  Address, name, etc. update

**Membership Level:** Society dues are for the period of January 1 - December 31.

Annual Individual Member: \$25

Annual Student Member (High School or College): \$12.50

Annual Family Member: \$35

Annual Sustaining Member: \$100

Annual Patron Member: \$200

Annual Sponsor Member: \$300